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Do you want to be on council?

Nominate yourself by February 15

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

With the appointment of Peter Oyler to the position of Councillor at Large in December, his former position as Ward 1

Councillor has now been declared vacant and ratepayers are invited to apply to fill the seat.

Prospective applicants can be from anywhere in Minden Hills, provided they are ratepayers of the township; specifically, they must meet the requirements set out in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

CAO Gerry Morrison and Clerk Cheryl McCarroll are recom-

mending that council meet as a committee following the February 23 council meeting to review the applications and make a recommendation to fill the vacant seat.

It is also recommended that the successful applicant, to serve for the remainder of the term ending this November, be appointed and sworn in at a special council meeting following the March 9 meeting of the committee as a

whole.

The proposed advertisement states that letters of application should include qualifications to assist council with their decision. Letters can be forwarded to the attention of clerk, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 or e-mailed to cmccarroll@county.haliburton.on.ca until noon on February 15.

For more information, call Cheryl McCarroll at 286-1260.



Mike Baum/Special to The TIMES

Riding into the sunset

Dorset's Mike Baum took this setting-sun shot of a snowmobiler heading toward Dorset off Trading Bay on Lake of Bays from the frozen lake surface to the open water. Puddle jumping is a winter tradition in Dorset, much to many people's chagrin. Almost every weekend some snowmobiles don't make it the full run, which is about half a kilometre long, and sink into the icy water.

Tanner is one of Ontario's best youth

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Tanner Hamilton is not your average 10-year-old boy. A series of events strung throughout his short, but adult-ish life have made him grow up and mature far faster than his years allow.

For the past year, Tanner Hamilton has been best known as

Dawson Hamilton's brother. Dawson was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia last spring.

And while Dawson, Tanner's brother, is one of the bravest and strongest five-year-olds anywhere, Cathy Arbour, a close family friend, thinks it is also difficult for Tanner who sits idly by while their father, and indeed the community, focuses mostly on

Dawson.

With this in mind, she nominated Tanner for Ontario's Junior Citizen of the Year. The award, sponsored by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association, recognizes young people, aged six to 17, who are performing a worthwhile community service, are contributing to their

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Minden Hills turns down water main request

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The new OPP building will have water but if developer Gayton Chenier wants more than the 3/4-inch pipe that currently serves his lot on Highway 35, he's going to have to pay for it himself.

Following a lengthy, sometimes heated, discussion at Minden Hills council regarding the water service to the new OPP building, a motion to partially fund an upgrade to the service was defeated in a tied recorded vote.

Councillors Clayton Cameron, Ingram Wessell and Peter Oyler voted against the developer's request to supply a six-inch water main under Highway 35 to the new building while Councillor Ron Buchanan, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Reeve Jim McMahon voted in favour of it.

Currently, the lot is serviced with a 3/4-inch water line. Not only does a 3/4-inch line provide inadequate service for the OPP's mandatory sprinkler fire-suppression system, says Chenier, but the current service also supplies the Minden Motel with water, reducing the available pressure even more.

He says that, at a minimum, the new OPP building requires a two-inch line, crossing under the

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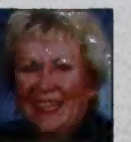
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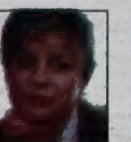
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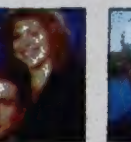
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Tanner is an exemplary citizen

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communities while living with limitations, have performed acts of heroism, or are 'good kids' who are making life better for others and doing more than expected of someone their age.

"We live in a very small community and everywhere you go, people are talking about Dawson," Arbour says in her nomination. "Posters are up in all the stores and school and, although this is wonderful, it must be hard for a 10-year-old boy to have all the focus on his brother."

In addition to helping his father Scot, who is raising the boys alone, with housework and the task of raising Dawson, the 10-year-old in Tanner shines through. He is modest, even a little shy (though not with his friends), but he loves sports and plays as many as he can.

He plays on the Storm's Atom Rep Team, the victors of this year's Peterborough Lift Lock Tournament and scored "a bunch" of goals there. Tanner is also active on the school's basketball, soccer, and cross-country teams.

Working extra-hard to be a normal 10-year-old boy is not enough for Tanner, though. When his brother, Dawson, lost his hair because of the cancer treatment, Tanner dutifully shaved his own head so his brother wouldn't feel alone. This in spite of their father's fear that Tanner would face unnecessary teasing at school. Also, early in the school year, Tanner was instrumental in the school's Terry Fox Run, which exceeded all expectations and

Bryn Weese/TIMES



Cathy Arbour nominated Tanner Hamilton (front right) for Ontario's Junior Citizen of the Year Award in honour of his strength and maturity. Tanner's brother Dawson (back left) suffers from a rare form of leukemia and requires a lot of their dad Scot's attention.

raised in excess of \$8,000.

When the family learned that Dawson needed a bone-marrow transplant to survive, Tanner was the first in line to be tested, despite the painful operation. Unfortunately, neither Tanner nor Scot was a match but, luckily, one was found through the hospital's registry.

This past Christmas, Tanner was with-

out his father and brother who were in seclusion at Sick Kids Hospital. Nevertheless, Tanner took it in stride, staying with relatives here in Minden.

The Hamilton family has faced hardships that few of us will endure in a lifetime, let alone in the 10 short years that Tanner has been around. His maturity beyond his years, however, has yet to

dampen his dreams of one day becoming a professional hockey player. Thankfully, the child in Tanner lives on.

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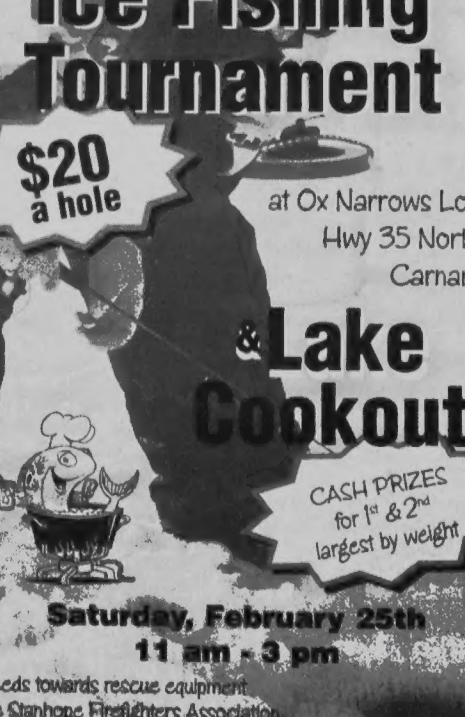
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Residents were eager to hear about the \$4-million water treatment facility being built by the City of Kawartha Lakes in Kinmount. Because Kinmount is split between CKL and Peterborough County, not all residents will be able to hook up. New water rules make this even more worrisome for residents who get their water from a well at the Legion.

Bryn Weese/TIMES



Kinmount is a town divided by water

New water treatment plant separates residents into haves and have-nots

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

There are, throughout Canada, other communities such as Kinmount where political lines on maps do not always reflect the natural boundaries of a community. In Kinmount, a community split among three counties, the issue of potable water once again is making that point abundantly obvious.

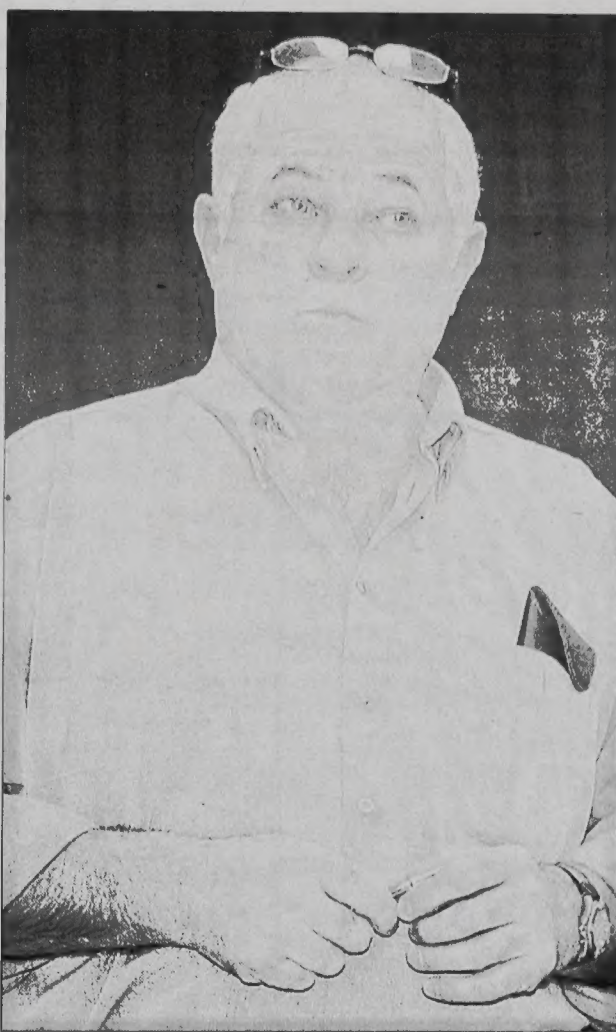
Historically and currently, the section of the Burnt River that flows through Kinmount's downtown core has provided a natural divide between Peterborough County and the former Victoria County. However, the recent amalgamation and redistribution of Victoria County that led to the creation of the City of Kawartha Lakes gives the powerful one-tier political entity far more resources than its smaller neighbour, the township of Galway-Cavendish-Harvey that lies across the river.

The issue that now faces the residents of Kinmount is what Galway-Cavendish-Harvey councillor Guy Scott calls "the post-Walkerton hangover."

New and more numerous regulations imposed on potable water systems have, in fact, had the town's water supply on boil-water conditions for several years, but this is all about to change. The town's water service, operated exclusively in the City of Kawartha Lakes' portion of Kinmount, is about to receive a new water treatment facility courtesy of the City, the province and the federal government. The total cost may well be in excess of \$4 million when all is said and done.

"It's an aggregate cost," says Kawartha Lakes' Manager of Water and Wastewater Dan Lynch about the benefits of OSTAR and other government grants. "These plants can't be supported by a small population, especially with the new regulations."

The new water service in the Kawartha Lakes side draws its water from the Burnt River. It is then treated before supplying the 91 units currently serviced by the old town water system. There will be no hook-up fee for those currently on the water system. If, however, a water main crosses frontage of a unit not hooked into the current town water supply, there will be a hook-up cost



Dan Lynch, the manager of water and waste water for the City of Kawartha Lakes, was in Kinmount recently to explain how the new treatment facility will be paid for. Ninety-one units in Kinmount can join up, but 11 units in Galway-Cavendish and Harvey can't.

should the owner wish to join the system. Joining the new town water system is not compulsory for users currently not on the old town water. The option is not even available to Kawartha Lakes ratepayers currently not on the system and with no water main crossing their lot.

The new treatment system, expected to be fully operational by late April, is user pay: for a regular 3/4-inch water pipe service the charge is \$13.75 per month regardless of how much water is used. In addition, the user will be charged \$1.27 for each cubic metre of water used.

Lynch said that the average use for a household of two is roughly one square metre a day.

"We want to get the whole city on a metered system," said Lynch. "In the City of Kawartha Lakes, there is one rate."

The meters, to be installed this coming fall or early in 2007, will be read four times a year. The meter itself will be inside the home while a reading gauge (similar in shape and size to a hockey puck) will be available outside as well.

While this new system and pay scheme may benefit the 91 ratepayers of the City of Kawartha Lakes currently on the town's water supply who will begin to receive clean potable water and no hook-up cost, their friends and neighbours, especially across the river are not so lucky.

On a much smaller scale, on the Galway-Cavendish-Harvey side of town, a group of 11 houses on Highway 503 sit poised to lose their water altogether.

Currently, and for many years past, they have been hooked up to a mini-water system care of the Kinmount Legion's drilled well. The system worked fine and the water was great, but now, Guy Scott says, new provincial regulations have forced small, untreated systems like the Legion's to stop.

In a perfect world, says Scott, the 11 units currently on the Legion's water would be hooked up to the City of Kawartha Lakes' new water system. That would avoid the vulnerability and gamble of wells, both dug and drilled.

"The Ministry of Environment gave us an ultimatum: something had to be done," said GCH Councillor at Large Don Lecombe. "We tried to get [the 11 units] to sign up with the City of Kawartha Lakes."

"[Increasing regulations] is why we thought the best plan for the ratepayers was to go with Kawartha Lakes," he added. "But I don't think any of us on council thought the cost would be so high."

The city has offered to hook up the 11 units to the new system for \$185,000, and that is too steep a price for the municipality as well as ratepayers.

"I'm happy for the town that they are getting a much needed new water system," says Scott. "But the cost has really removed it from practical view for us."

With the MOE breathing down their necks, demanding an answer as to what the ratepayers would do about their water, on Monday, January 23, the ratepayers currently on the Legion's water told council they would be drilling individual wells rather than foot the bill, an estimated \$12,500 each, to hook onto to the new water treatment system underway across the river.

Be my Valentine!

Readers have until Tuesday, February 7 to submit their free Valentine wishes to the Minden Times. You could win a prize! See ad on page 4 for details.

Toronto food bank breaks bread with Food Net

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Only a few months old and already the Haliburton County Food Net needs a forklift to move the food it receives.

On Tuesday, an 18-wheel transport trailer hauled 520 cubic feet, or 3,310 pounds of food to Minden to be distributed to food banks as far away as Barry's Bay and Lake St. Peter, near Bancroft. The food was off-loaded with a fork-lift and driver courtesy of Minden Home Hardware.

Because of the Net's partnership with the Minden Food Bank, and the latter's membership with the Ontario Association of Food Banks, the Food Net has access to the Daily Bread Food Bank that deliv-

ers food across the province and the country for "reclamation" projects.

"We get anything from soups to nuts," says Maureen Brown of the food net and the reclamation donations. "There are still so many people who go hungry."

Tuesday's shipment was the second since the Food Net's inception in mid-December. With a myriad of partners, including but not limited to the Minden Food Bank, the Cardiff Food Bank, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Family Services, Haliburton County Food Net is well connected with many organizations dealing with ensuring that everyone can have a healthy diet.

For more information, call Maureen Brown at 457-7931.

The flu pandemic is coming; find out if the county is ready

by JUNE STEWART
Special to The Times

"Not if - when?"

That's the vital message to be presented in a public meeting about the coming influenza pandemic. Sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of Canadian Federation of University Women, the meeting takes place at Fleming College at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 9.

The speaker is Robin Anthony, infectious control practitioner for Haliburton Highlands. Her message is that we must

plan for this serious situation. This pandemic is inevitable, and could hit at any time, probably affecting at least one-third of the population.

Flu shots help alleviate the severity of the illness, but may not prevent it. In her address, Robin will discuss the four main considerations, and how we can help ourselves.

Everyone is invited to this important meeting. Refreshments will be served by the sponsors - the Haliburton chapter of CFUW.



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Rick Woods was one of several willing volunteers who helped move the 3,310 pounds of food delivered to the Haliburton County Food Net on Tuesday. The Minden Food Bank will benefit from the Daily Bread Food Bank's donation.

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Algonquin Highlands ponies up for health; Minden Hills says no

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

At the behest of Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands is making a \$25,000 donation towards the capital costs of Haliburton's new Family Medical Centre.

Costing approximately \$2.5 million, the new medical centre, currently under construction, will provide space rent-free to doctors on the top floor while the bottom floor will be leased to other healthcare professionals.

Dysart believes that the services provided by the new facility will not only serve ratepayers of Dysart et al, but also those from other municipalities in need of healthcare services. With that in mind, Dysart sent letters to the three other municipalities in the county asking for donations.

"As you are no doubt aware," stated the letter, "many of your residents are patients of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, and as such we would ask that you consider a donation towards the capital costs of this project."

Algonquin Highlands received the letter prior to the last meeting of council on January 19. Reeve Eleanor Harrison expressed her desire at that time for council to consider the request.

"I do feel that, at the moment, Algonquin Highlands gets off not paying for the medical needs of our residents," she said. There is no medical facility in Algonquin Highlands.

Council later discussed the request at the township's second and final budget meeting last week.

During the discussion, Councillor Kerry

Lock asked how much Harrison had in mind, to which Harrison tabled the figure of \$25,000.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner expressed mild concern that such a donation could create a slippery slope effect and also noted that Dysart will benefit greatly from the new medical facility, arguing that when people go to Haliburton to see their doctor, they will also stay to do their shopping and eat.

"You wouldn't find me giving funds to arenas or ball parks," rebutted Harrison, "because we have an airport that gets used and benefits the county."

"But \$25,000 is a small amount to pay if they are successful in attracting even one doctor... I don't think it's so much the amount as the gesture."

All in all, the additional \$25,000 added into the budget to be passed in the near future amounts to an additional 25 cents in taxes to a property valued at \$100,000.

To the south, the township of Minden Hills also received the letter but opted not to give a donation.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon says that the township already has a medical facility that requires the municipality's funds and that the new Dysart facility may attract doctors away from Minden.

In addition, says McMahon, 2006 is going to be a tight budget year and Minden Hills is already under pressure from the cottage associations not to increase the municipal tax rate.

With or without funds from Minden Hills, the new Haliburton Family Medical Centre is going ahead and is expected to be completed in May.

Water costs are developer's responsibility, half of council says

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highway and hooking into the six-inch water main on the west side of 35. He acknowledges that running a two-inch line under the highway is his responsibility alone, but says that if council wanted to take this opportunity to lay a six-inch water main underneath the highway, enabling future development on the highway's east side, Chenier says he would be happy to help pay for it.

"I take that responsibility to get a two-inch line service [across the highway]," said Chenier. "As a goodwill gesture, I am offering \$10,000 [towards the cost of a six-inch line]."

Following his visit to council, Property and Environment Manager Bob Romberg told council that Chenier had called him and agreed to pay for the entire engineering study as well as 25 per cent of the cost to lay the six-inch pipe. This agreement was suggested by Oyler at a meeting on January 12.

Current estimates place the cost of laying a six-inch water main under Highway 35 in excess of \$40,000.

At council, the debate over whether to partially fund the six-inch water pipe has become about development itself and whether, as Murdoch puts it, "we are open for business or we are not."

"There is no doubt in my mind that, in the next few years, there will be development on that side of the highway," Murdoch said. "[Supplying the east side of Highway 35 with a six-inch water main] is something, in my opinion, that we will eventually have to do."

Cameron, however, views the debate

differently. He says that paying for the six-inch water main would not benefit the community or encourage future development. It would benefit one developer only and that it is wrong to use taxpayers' dollars for an individual's benefit. Wessell and Oyler agree.

"The service is there. To upgrade is the responsibility of the developer," Clayton said.

"Development will come because the population is growing and the people need those services," said Wessell.

"There are breaks you can give developers that don't cost the taxpayers money," said Oyler. "But this one does."

"We've got the money," he added, "but there are higher priorities."

Cameron, who was the municipality's public works supervisor when the town water was installed, says a six-inch water main under Highway 35 will not, in fact, encourage future development. It would be far cheaper, he says, for individual developers to pay to extend their own two-inch line across the highway. The ground, he says, is not conducive to laying pipe cheaply because of the swamps on the east side of the highway.

Further, he adds, there is very little room for development there anyway. He feels, as does Wessell, that if council even partially funded the six-inch water main, it would benefit only Chenier.

The township has subsequently received word that Chenier is considering paying the entire cost of a six-inch line under Highway 35 to service the new OPP building from the water main across the highway.

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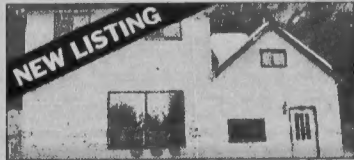
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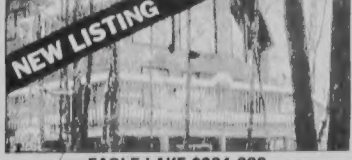
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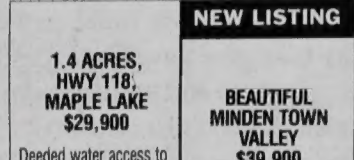
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Yes to development, no to developers

Economic growth is paramount for a town such as Minden. Without new development, a bustling business community or the jobs they create, Minden's youth will leave seeking greener, more profitable and secure pastures and Minden will suffer. Any town would. Many have.

But the driving force behind growth is not favours from council or free access to water. The true *raison d'être* of development is money. As Councillor Ingram Wessell pointed out, economic growth is inevitable because the community is growing and the people need the services, whatever they may be. More precisely, more people means more money to spend. An inadequate water service is not enough to deter development. It would take many more hurdles to keep a keen businessperson away from easy money.

The three members of Minden Hills council who supported paying for a six-inch water line to service the new OPP building – Jim McMahon, Cheryl Murdoch and Ron Buchanan – all have their hearts and minds in the right place. They are elected to do what is best for the township and they realize the importance of economic development for the betterment, indeed survival of the town. But piecemeal offerings to private developers on an issue-by-issue basis are not the way to foster growth. Instead, efforts and taxpayers' money would be better spent securing the growth and well-being of the community. Paying to attract people, and thus consumers, to Minden is a far more productive use of money than a six-inch water line.

Instead of paying \$50,000 or more to keep the OPP builder happy, why not use the money to start a library expansion fund one day leading to a state-of-the-art library with high-speed internet workstations? Why not use the money to hire a full-time recreation co-ordinator? Or build a pool? For that matter, why not start a fund to ultimately build an entire recreation centre complete with a pool, basketball courts, squash courts and a weight-lifting room? Or a community theatre for concerts and plays with real seats and real acoustics that could attract visits from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra or the Canadian Opera Company? A full-time recreation co-ordinator could arrange it.

By building a community that attracts and grows, the development will follow.

Many would argue that the new OPP building is just such an expense, that a police detachment is a staple of any real community. And it is, but where is the county in all of this? The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, as the name implies, is not Minden's burden alone to bear. Dysart asked for donations towards their new Family Health Centre claiming it will serve ratepayers beyond Dysart's boundaries. True, but so too will the new OPP building. Where are their funds in return?

Were it not for the fact that a private developer owns the land where the new building now sits and will make a pretty penny from the OPP, and indirectly the ratepayers, this editorial would be the first to condemn Minden Hills council for their closed-mindedness by not supporting the developer's request to fund the new line. But the new OPP building is not Minden Hills' responsibility. Theirs is to their ratepayers.

They should, for the most part, look after their own. Build up the community in spirit, give residents a reason to stay here, give travellers a reason to come here and give the restless a reason to move here and the development will follow. So too will the healthy future of Minden. A good first step would be to initiate and support the resurrection of the business association.

– Bryn Weese

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

"I'm melting!"

Photo, Darren Lum.

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Doing nothing about sled access is like making Minden a no-go zone

To the Editor:

The current access for snowmobiles to either get through town from either direction or to bypass Minden all together is all but impossible at times.

The conditions for crossing the bridge are dangerous for vehicles, pedestrians and snowmobiles. Access to the trail using the Dominion Hotel driveway is difficult at the best of times but almost impossible when vehicles are parked in the driveway. Many times you will see snowmobilers out in the road trying to pull their machines around, since they cannot be steered when there is no snow on the road. Or they have to ride the sidewalks to get some snow to partially navigate the streets. All through town the problems are the same.

Minden Hills council should either declare a ban on the sleds and serve notice that the town doesn't want the business or they should work with the clubs to fix the access problem. Doing nothing is the same

as declaring Minden a "no go zone."

For the seven years that I have lived and sledded (when possible) through town I have heard that people are working on a solution such as a floating bridge. I have seen nothing but the problem get worse.

Perhaps if all the local sledders contact council or attend a council meeting we can speed it up.

I for one want to see this as the last winter where people shun Minden due to access issues. Those sledders who don't shun the town and the residents deserve a solution to the disaster we have now for a trail system.

Before someone is seriously injured I implore council to fix this problem or let us know if it is beyond their abilities to deal with. I know I speak for a great many residents who sled and want to enjoy their winter activities here where they live.

Ron Pellerin
Tiffany Lane, Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Feeling their pain

Much has been written about how city and country folk differ but I happen to believe that we're a lot more alike than we'd care to admit. And I even said as much to my wife between splitting wood for the stove and shovelling a path to the outhouse.

For instance, just this morning I was reading an article that said many big city executives are now complaining about an ailment called "Blackberry thumb." Who would have guessed?

Let's face it; we always think that those corporate leaders are too busy to pick berries. I figured that's what they had assistants for.

But no, it appears that these high-powered executive types in their Armani suits are prepared to roll up their sleeves and risk the scratches and thorns to join in on the fun. Obviously, I've misjudged them all these years. I needed to know more.

So, in doing research for this column, I phoned one of the big corporate offices in

Toronto and interviewed their receptionist.

Flat out, I asked her about Blackberry thumb and she immediately went on to say that it's not so bad compared to Carp o' Tunnel Syndrome. She didn't explain and, for fear of sounding like a simple rube, I didn't ask. But it doesn't take a genius to assume it has something to do with having to crouch over while stalking carp and suckers in the creek culverts during the spawning runs. Imagine that; one more thing we have in common. Suddenly, as I ate a pickled beet at my desk, I began to see how alike we all really are.

Getting back to picking blackberries though, I asked how the executives dealt with all the pricks they encountered during the job. She just laughed and said that they

get used to it like everyone else. Which is pretty much what we do if we forget our gloves.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Even so, I've got to feel sorry for them. Last summer, I had blackberry thumb, raspberry elbow, apple arm, and a couple of lesser known stomach discomfures from eating far too many of these addictive fruit - which, in some way, explains why I keep the outhouse path clear even in winter. So I know exactly what they're going through.

But up till now I thought that rural folk were the only ones suffering from these terrible maladies. But, lo and behold, they're more prevalent than I thought - even in the big city.

It's sad that it takes this sort of suffering to bring us all together though. And even worse that the blackberry season ended last sum-

mer and these poor executives are still in pain. It makes you wonder how they ever got through the haying. They must have picked quite a few cartons, I'll tell you.

I think the least we country folk can do is to wish a speedy recovery to all those ailing executives out there.

That's why I'm starting a sympathy campaign where we can all express our encouragement and condolences. I figure the best way is to e-mail them, especially since I hear they all carry these new-fangled rigs that allow them to pick up voice and e-mail messages wherever they are - yes, even while picking blackberries.

We should let them know that our thoughts are with them and that we're hoping that they recover from blackberry thumb before the bounty of spring is upon us. After all, fiddleheads, wild leeks, and morels are just around the corner. And it can't be easy to take a leek when you've got blackberry thumb.

Florence messes up

Members of the horned grebe chapter of the Chattering Class, gathered in the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms on this tropical January day, are certain of one thing:

Florence Terwilliger has spoiled her ballot and so the election in the federal riding of Horned Grebe-Jehoshophat has ended in a four-way tie, pending the outcome of a judicial recount.

Ballots are supposed to be secret, even on the far side of Jehoshophat Hill, but everybody knew about Florence's mistake, even The Brown Dog Jiggs, who is warming himself by the tearoom's unlit fireplace.

Worst of all, Florence can't even remember how she had intended to vote.

"Poor Florence," Old Delahanty is telling Fixx and Young Robicheaux just as the waitress Gretchen comes along with a platter of buttermilk currant scones and a pitcher of sarsaparilla.

"Yes, poor Florence," says Fixx. "It might be the last chance she had to vote for a candidate in this riding."

"She's not that old," Gretchen begins to say, but Robicheaux cuts her off, alarmed.

"You mean somebody in Ottawa actually worked through lunch? Somebody finally realized we have a riding that hardly anybody lives in any more and now they're going to close us down!"

Robicheaux knew that each time the commission that sets riding boundaries gets to where they should delete the Horned Grebe riding, somebody calls for lunch and they forget to do it.

"No, the people in Ottawa still take lunch - and anything else that isn't nailed down," says Fixx, who tends to be a tad cynical after doing favours for politicians at Queen's Park all his life, or at least since two minutes after time began.

"They're getting rid of all of the ridings. The People Who Matter have decided we must have proportional representation in order to keep up with Italy, which has the best government in the world."

"It is in the interest of all governments to keep the governed from understanding what's being done to them. The electoral system in Italy is perfect; it's as confusing in English as it is in Italian."

"I'm confused enough as it is," says Robicheaux, who had already forgotten how he voted. He had come to the tearoom looking not for a conversation but for a ride home with Delahanty or Fixx, who are neighbours on Horned Grebe Lake.

Delahanty has been masticating and when he sweeps some buttermilk currant scone crumbs off the table, The Brown Dog Jiggs comes trotting over and catches them on the fly and then he masticates, too.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Gretchen has been reading about proportional representation.

She knows that, in its purest form, each party's share of seats in the House of Commons would match exactly its share of the popular vote.

"But aren't they talking about a mixed system," she asks carefully; she doesn't want any of the three wise men to suspect she knows

more than they do.

"Yes," says Fixx. "Maybe 200 constituencies and the rest proportional. They'd have to enlarge this riding; you'd vote in a riding called Peterborough-Kingston-And Everything Else Between Toronto and Ottawa. But that's just a start."

"You see, the People Who Matter see an election as no more than a focus group that judges the quality of advertising campaigns mounted by large corporations that bear the brand names Liberal, Conservative and New

Democrat and having actual candidates gets in the way of that."

Robicheaux starts getting interested. "So, if you went all-proportional, members of parliament would no longer need to interfere with the smooth flow of government business by representing their constituents' interests."

Gretchen chimes in. "There would never be another question from our Honourable Member about the Jehoshophat Bridge canal. They could ignore us entirely instead of just mostly."

Fixx nods. "And the best part is, each party gets to decide who fills its seats. The Liberals have been working on this for months."

"They've even put out a casting call for people too dumb to be movie extras. They want so many tall, so many short, so many fat, so many skinny, so many women, so many minorities"

"They'll give them \$140,000 a year to sit through question period, which isn't nearly enough, by the way."

"And they'll implant buzzers behind their ears and when the buzzer sounds once, the new Liberals will all spring to their feet with cries of 'Shame!'"

"And when the buzzer sounds twice, they'll spring into action and cry, 'Ready, Captain! Aye, ready!'"

"It's the new face of democracy."

Editor's note: Portions of this letter were cut last week to have it fit the space. Unfortunately, some vital parts of the letter were removed. We re-run the bottom part of the letter to clarify.

As for natural disasters and the U.S. being ready to help us, I think that is true and it's true that we would help them. Let's think, though, about what happened when hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. That disaster had been long predicted but the money needed to keep up the city's defenses against flooding had not been forthcoming. There was a disaster plan in place, supposedly. Then when the hurricane hit, the city flooded and it was as though no one had ever planned anything. After the city flooded and so many people were stranded on upper floors and roofs of houses what was needed was fifty or a hundred aluminum boats with outboard

More of the letter we missed

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

motors and some organization to man them, not a difficult thing to arrange you would think. What was forthcoming were a few military helicopters at probably a million dollars each. If you watched BBC World News from your satellite receiver you saw a BBC reporter in just such a boat going out day after day but there were no rescue boats out there with him. Day after day he and his crew were throwing water bottles to people on roofs. Day after day he and his crew pho-

tographed the same corpse lying in the same place and there was no one to pick it up.

Canada can't help the U.S. in such matters, the U.S. must help itself. The point is that there is something wrong in the U.S., the richest country in the world. It has descended into some "greed is good" culture, big on power but failing in humanity and even competence it seems. If some U.S. citizens are disappointed in Canadian attitudes I'd say that Canadians have more reason to be disappointed in the U.S.. If you base your attitudes on what the media puts out you will think that the U.S. is selflessly striving for the good of the world, just as the speeches from Washington say it is. If you look

behind the scenes it's a different story and a bloody one, too.

When Gordon Sinclair was urging Canadians to be better friends to the U.S., in 1973, they were disappointed in us for not sending troops to Vietnam. If we had "shouldered our burden" of one tenth of that war there would have been around 6,000 Canadian dead, 30,000 wounded and we would have killed perhaps 100,000 Vietnamese in combat with many more than that in civilian dead. And for what?

Let's stand up and be a country, one that makes its own judgements and decisions, not one which just conforms to U.S. government wishes and to media bias. A lot of Americans will applaud us for that.

Barry Withers,
Minden

Warton Willie turns 50

by BILL HENRY
Osprey Media LP

Was it golden or grey?

Did the prescient groundhog give us spring, or crawl back in the hay?

The answers were revealed first thing this morning as the white weather watcher called Warton Willie made his golden anniversary prediction.

The whole thing started as a lark.

Mac McKenzie cooked up the alleged first festival one cold weekend in 1956 for a bit of fun with a handful of friends. A nosy newsman got wind and an actual event, or at least a photo-op, started the snowball rolling, the way McKenzie likes to tell it.

Warton Willie and the annual Groundhog Day event and related weekend festival have in 50 years become emblematic. If people beyond the Bruce Peninsula and Grey-Bruce know of Warton at all, it's likely because of Willie, publicist Bill Walker believes.

The spin doctor in Warton Willie's shadow cabinet, the crowd in white tuxedos who share the stage and the limelight each year, Walker said the golden anniversary is both significant and a reminder of what Willie has done for Warton.

"It's become our identity," Walker said. "Anywhere I travel, that's how most people will identify with Warton. He's certainly brought name recognition to Warton and the Bruce Peninsula."

Early this morning, the weary weather wizard was yanked from slumber in his much-improved lair and hoisted before the cameras. At the *Times*' press time it was not known if he saw his shadow and called for six more weeks of winter, or he didn't, giving us an early spring.

A community-wide party for Warton Willie's 50th anniversary continues Friday and Saturday, with a long list of



Groundhog Willie has put the town of Warton on the map.

social and sporting events, including a downtown parade as Saturday's focal point at 1 p.m. Details are on the www.warton-willie.org website.

Movie ad angers reader

To the Editor:

I recently tuned in to MCTV. To my dismay and disgust a commercial aired for a movie that I believed was only being released to a select few theaters. The movie I'm referring to is *Karla*.

Was I aware this movie was made? Yes. Do I wish to see this movie? No. Should I be subjected to these previews? Absolutely not!! I can only imagine the feelings of the French and Mahaffy families. Once again their rights have been violated. How could anyone authorize these previews to be shown! Is the advertising dollar worth more than our morals? One can only wonder.

Francine Newton,
Minden

Get a grip!

To the Editor:

Re: Neil Campbell's *Back of Beyond*, January 26, 2006.

I strongly urge Mr. Campbell and anyone who finds themselves walking often on icy surfaces to invest in a pair of Icers(R) or Ice Grippers(R). Both products fit over outdoor footwear to provide outstanding ice-gripping traction. Icers are ideal for use with heavy snow boots and attach with Velcro straps. They have aggressive (and replaceable) hex-cleats that look like the head of a bolt mounted in a strong sole. Ice Grippers consist of metallic studs embedded in an elastic rubber device that fits over shoes or light boots like toe rubbers. And they work!

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Gull Lake says no to boathouses

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the January 26 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Barb Reid, president of the Gull Lake Cottagers Association, reported to council that a majority of the 212 respondents to the association's recent survey (of which 500 were distributed) do not want boathouses on Gull Lake.

Reid and the association had previously been opposed to the proposed "dry" boathouse bylaw being considered in the new zoning bylaw. It required boathouses to be built three metres back from shore.

Council has since directed planner Rick Hunter of Planscape to change the proposed bylaw to read that no new boathouses be allowed, either "dry" or "wet."

Councillors Ingram Wessell and Ron Buchanan are strongly in favour of one policy for the entire municipality. (It was originally suggested that each lake could have individual bylaws.) All existing boathouses will be grandfathered into the bylaw and will be allowed to undergo renovations or complete rebuilds provided the new or renovated boathouse occupies the same footprint as the old one.

Council has asked all lake associations to ask members what they feel about boathouses. Reid said response to the Gull Lake survey – 500 were distributed – was lower than she would have liked.

Trucks

Council also directed Hunter to include the allowance of one commercial vehicle of any size in residential zones in the bylaw. Councillor Clayton Cameron said that he thought the issue had been settled, but due to recent delegations to council, the issue is only now being clarified.

Currently, Hunter is looking into whether shoreline res-

olds have to practice or play their games between 9:30 and 11 p.m., because adult leagues have the ice booked as early as 7 p.m.

"I don't know anywhere else where adults can get ice for hockey at 7 [p.m.]," said Oyler. "In the cities, kids leagues get first priority."

Highland Storm ice time is subsidized by the township, which charges \$90 an hour for adults but only \$60 for the minor hockey league. The subsidies will continue.

Hall noted that the Highland Storm is planning to hold registration this spring rather than in the fall to facilitate the arena's booking schedule which begins to fill up in August.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Minden Hills

idential and non-shoreline residential zones could be established to limit the impact of commercial vehicles on small, shoreline roads.

Of chief concern to Wessell and Cameron is that truck drivers be able to take their vehicles home at night, even if they live in town.

Councillor Peter Oyler, in defence of council's direction to the planner, said that neither seasonal residents nor the trucking industry can survive without the other. Council agreed and the direction was uncontested.

Highland Storm needs ice

Glenn Hall from the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association appeared before council to ask if his association could get first pick of ice time for next year's hockey season.

He noted that several nights a week, the 13- to 17-year-

Friends of the Village Green

Lois Rigney, a member of the Village Green committee, appeared before council to express her disappointment with news that council has tentatively agreed to move the Legion's cairn to the Village Green.

Rigney said she would have appreciated notice of the plan prior to it being decided at council. To date, no official plans have been made to move the cairn to the Village Green in the centre of town.

However, with talk of a library expansion looming in the future, the Minden Legion informed council that money is available from Veterans Affairs Canada for moving and/or restoring war memorials such as the Cairn. Because of the central location of the Village Green and the ability to close main street, the Village Green was the preferred location of the Legion and council.



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Team Cyr qualifies for Ontario Winter Games

by RUSS DUHAIME
Special to the Times

A near impossible angle raise on the final rock of the eighth end carried the Minden Bantam Boys to silver in the Ontario Curling Association provincial championships on Sunday and qualified them for a berth in the Ontario Winter Games.

Down one with the hammer in the eighth, Neil Sinclair's team from Manotick had built a strong end and were poised to take two for the win. Skip Edward Cyr, however, came up huge with an angle raise from the outside of the circles to steal the end and the win.

Cyr's team includes Connor Duhaime as vice, Kyle Thompson as second, and Rob Collins as lead.

The boys qualified for the provincial final in Bracebridge by winning their zone and placing second in their region.

The win over Sinclair came at the close of five days of outstanding competition. Eight teams, each representing one of the four regions in southern Ontario, played off for the championship.

At the end of the seven-game round-robin competition, Minden was in a three-way tie for first place. Matt Mapletoft's rink from Sydenham won the bye to the final while Minden and Manotick battled it out in the semifinal.

Despite their great play in the semis, the Minden boys couldn't maintain their focus through to the finals. Sydenham controlled this game and won the championship.

Although silver is not the precious metal the boys had in mind, they're already working hard to improve their form before the Winter Games. This year the Ontario Winter Games are being held in Collingwood from March 8 to 10. Here, the boys will have another shot at Sydenham and Manotick and this time they're aiming for gold.

The Winter Games will also feature the three best teams from northern Ontario, so the competition will be heightened again.

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Edward Cyr's Bantam Boys curling team won the silver in the Ontario Curling Association Championship. Team members Connor Duhaime, Kyle Thompson and Rob Collins played exceptionally well for the duration of the five-day tournament. Photo submitted.

event, the Ontario Games provide the province's young athletes with development and competitive opportunities that prepare them for national and international competitions. They also give the public a chance to see some of Ontario's best amateur athletes compete at a

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Jeramy Burk bowls 295

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Weekly Statistics

Tuesday Afternoon, January 24

High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Lillian Mattsson 177
High Single: Chris Hill 242; Jean Pugh 215
High Single HC: John Pugh & Nick Biljetina 272; Jean Pugh 266
High Triple: Chris Hill 629; Lillian Mattsson 537
High Triple HC: Gerald Hadley 743; Lillian Mattsson 651

Tuesday Night, January 24

High Average: Ken Thompson 216; Marlene Robinson 201
High Single: Jeramy Burk 235; Clara Miscio 232
High Single HC: Jeramy Burk 295; Clara Miscio 291
High Triple: Dan Harding 611; Clara Miscio 582
High Triple HC: Dan Harding 719; Clara Miscio 729

Wednesday Afternoon, January 25

High Average: Ken Thompson 208; Carol Snow 172
High Single: Ken Thompson 265; Carol Snow 219
High Single HC: Bev Hunt 282; Diane Platt 290
High Triple: Bev Hunt 634; Carol Snow 508
High Triple HC: Bev Hunt 748; Diane Platt 709

Thursday Afternoon, January 26

High Average: Ken Thompson 217; Shirley Webb 169
High Single: Ken Thompson 261; Josie Cheesman 244
High Single HC: Bruno Campagnola 298; Josie Cheesman 291
High Triple: Ken Thompson 628; Shirley Webb 540
High Triple HC: Bruno Campagnola 743; Stella Mamonko 708

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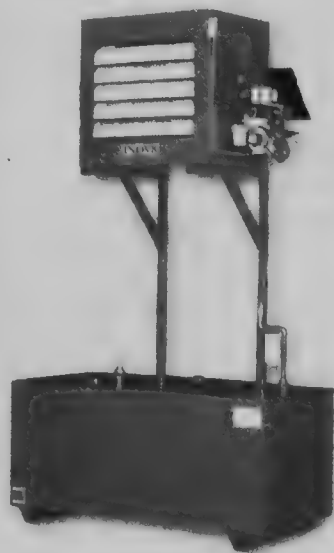
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Tim Bits play for crowd

Team going to Peterborough to play during Petes' game

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Playing hockey in front of thousands of adoring fans is, unquestionably, the quintessential Canadian dream. For most, the dream fades as the cold, slow decay of life sets in, but not so for the county's TimBits team.

This Saturday, the Tim Bits will play during the intermissions at a Peterborough Petes game in front of a possible 3,500 fans.

"I think the kids are really excited," said ultimate hockey mom Tammy Smith whose husband Craig coaches the team. "Craig wanted to do it last year when he started coaching...It was a lot easier than we thought."

Besides knowing one of the Petes goal judges, all that is required to participate is that the TimBit team sell 65 tickets to the game. Making hockey supporters proud the nation over, Smith and the other parents have to date sold 431 seats.

"The whole end section of the arena is for us," Smith says excitedly. "The Petes organization has been very supportive. We've had to add on tickets and they have put us all together."

In addition to playing to a cheering crowd of thousands, the TimBits also get to meet real Pete players who are not playing in the game. They get a pep talk after their "mini" game and all will receive Tim Hortons sticks signed by the Petes' entire roster.

Surprisingly, the four- and five-year-olds interviewed were rather tight-lipped about their big game on Saturday. "Yup," however, was the common response when asked if they were excited. Why?

"Because I get to play like the good



The local Tim Bits teams, both the juniors and the seniors, will flaunt their talent at Saturday's Peterborough Petes game during the intermission. Photo by Bryn Weese.

players," elaborates four-year-old Owen Gilbert who turned five on Wednesday.

"Because it will be pretty cool," says four-year-old James Alexander, adding "it will be really fun."

The sideshow attraction, the Peterborough Pete's game against the

Sudbury Wolves, begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Peterborough.

For tickets, call the Petes at (705) 743-3561 ext.1.

Storm weekend schedule

Tri-County Regular Season

Feb 3

Tyke vs Cannington @ Haliburton 5:30 p.m.

Feb 4

MTC vs Manvers @ Haliburton 7 p.m.

Feb 5

BTC vs Fenelon Falls @ Haliburton 3 p.m.

Tyke vs Woodville @ Haliburton 11 a.m.

PTC vs OPS @ Haliburton 1:30 p.m.

MTC vs Mariposa @ Haliburton 4:30 p.m.

OMHA Playdowns

Feb 3

BA vs Campbellford @ Haliburton 8:30 p.m. Game 2

PA vs Ennismore @ Haliburton 7 p.m. Game 3

Feb 4

AA vs Campbellford @ Haliburton 2:30 p.m. Game 1

Highland Storm playoff schedule

Atom A vs Campbellford (best of 5)

Feb 4 2:30 p.m. in Haliburton

Feb 5 3:00 p.m. in Campbellford

Feb 10 7:45 p.m. in Campbellford

Feb 11 4:00 p.m. in Haliburton

Feb 12 3:00 p.m. in Campbellford

Feb 14 7:00 p.m. in Minden

Midget AE vs Lakefield (best of 5)

Feb 3 8:30 p.m. in Lakefield

Feb 14 9:00 p.m. in Haliburton

Feb 17 9:30 p.m. in Haliburton

Feb 18 7:00 p.m. in Lakefield

Feb 21 8:30 p.m. in Minden

Feb 24 7:00 p.m. in Lakefield

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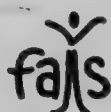


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Storm tourney a success

Final game a 'hard fought battle'

On January 7, the Midget Storm hosted a hockey tournament.

Thanks go to Wade MacInnes, who organized the tournament, and to all the moms and dads who worked hard at the tournament to make it a great success, and team sponsors Haliburton Subway. The parents would like to thank the coaches for all their hard work: Lee Donaldson, Terry Goodwin, Tim Turcotte, Mike Lopez and Steve Bell.

The Highland Storm ended up as C finalists, and that was a great finish for this team, which has come a long way. They have a lot of talent and it is starting

to show in our play.

The first game was against Midland, who won 6-4. Sometimes the scoreboard does not tell all. If Don Cherry had seen the game he would have said it was a heck of a game. Scoring for the Storm were Creig Gagnon, Pat Prevost, Adam Freeman, and Dan Goodwin, with assists going to Robert Lowes, Andi Donaldson and Tyler Crego. Alex Lopez played an awesome game between the pipes.

The second game for the Storm was excellent, with the Storm winning 7-2. The Storm was in a passing frenzy, setting the arena on fire with their dazzling

moves. Scoring for the Storms were: Andi Donaldson, Creig Gagnon, Dan Goodwin, Patrick Turcotte, and Mitch Venderlip. Patrick Turcotte got his first hat trick of the season. Assists went to Creig Gagnon, Andi Donaldson, Robert Lowes, Tyler Crego, Don Goodwin, Patrick Turcotte, Zak Prenger, Tyler Sutherland. Dave Lougheed stole the game with his outstanding lay in the net. Derek Carpenter, Zak Prenger, Robert Lowes, Cameron Bradley played a wicked defensive game.

The final game was against Barrie. It was definitely a hard-fought game. The score was 6-1 in favour of Barrie. Scoring for the Storm was Dan Goodwin with the assists going to Greig Gagnon and Andi Donaldson.

OPP warns of unsafe ice in area

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment would like to remind everyone that area ice conditions are still unpredictable.

Officers from the snow vehicle patrol and the Central Region S.A.V.E unit were out earlier in the week and observed open water in areas usually frozen over at this time of year.

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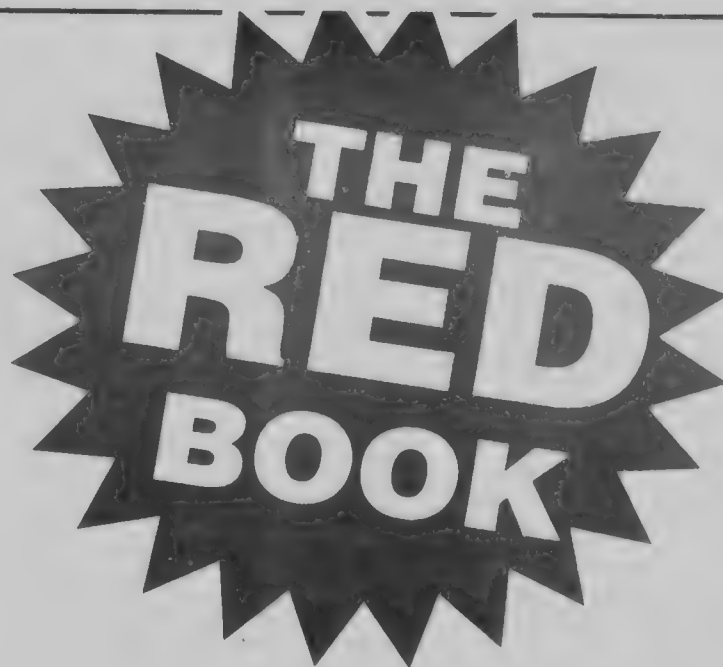
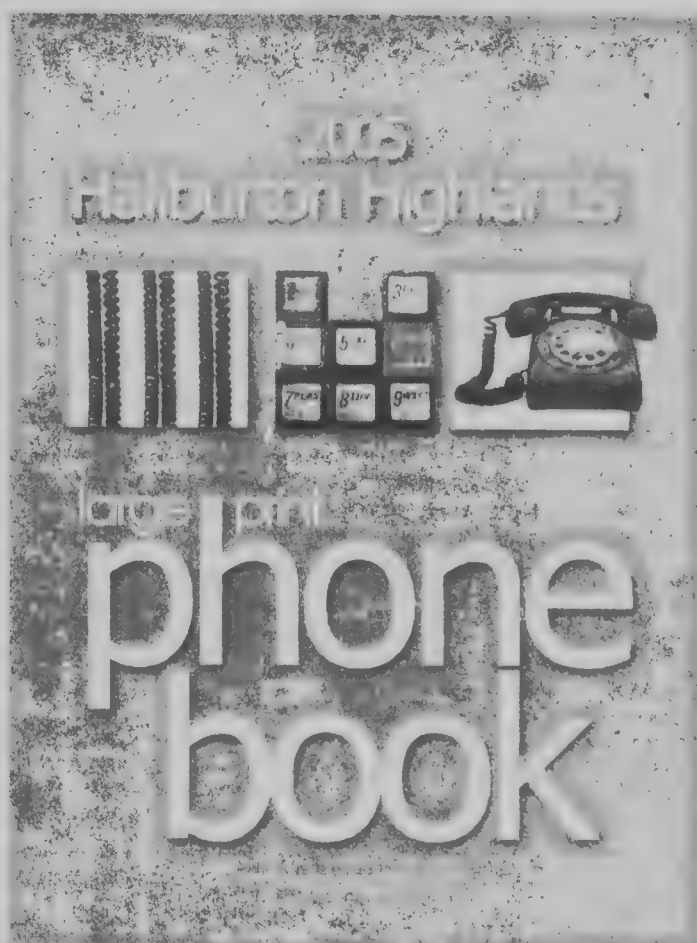


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Dog days of winter

The crowd that came out to watch the kid and mutt races at the Haliburton Dogsled

Derby enjoyed the unseasonably warm temperatures more than the dogs did. The double-digit temperatures drew hundreds of people to the Delta Pinestone over the weekend. Dogs from a four-dog team were as loud as they were fast, right



Municipal politicians happy with Conservative win

A group representing senior rural governments across Eastern Ontario sees the election of a federal Conservative government as "the light at the end of the tunnel" for hard-pressed taxpayers.

"Stephen Harper has clearly stated his willingness to deal with the fiscal imbalance between the federal government and the provinces," says Bob Sweet, chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, which includes Haliburton County. "Cuts in federal funding to Ontario in the 1990s were part of the reason that provincial services got downloaded onto municipalities. We urge the new government to act on the imbalance, and the Province to take back responsibility for its services because our taxpayers can't go on picking up the tab."

Sweet said that recent actions by the provincial government had actually worsened the situation for most counties and rural single-tier governments in Eastern

Ontario. "We feel like we've been cross-checked from behind and then given an elbow on the way down," he said. He said the province must take urgent action on three fronts, to:

- pay its outstanding bills, amounting to \$19.5 million, for downloaded provincial services that EOWC members delivered in the past;
- change the new funding formula for downloaded services, which will leave Eastern Ontario governments millions of dollars short; and
- abandon a "costly and unnecessary" effort to enrich the pensions of municipal employees

Sweet said that EOWC officials look forward to a meeting early in the mandate of the new federal government to lay out the "trickle-down damage" of the fiscal imbalance on municipalities. "Downloading has been especially hard for our members, because of our smaller

tax base and lower family incomes," he added. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) estimates that municipal property taxpayers now subsidize provincial services by roughly \$3.2 billion annually.

The previous provincial government required municipalities to take on a range of provincial services, such as land ambulance and social housing, and agreed to pay a portion of the costs. "Unfortunately," Sweet said, "the current government has failed to pay their bills under that arrangement. Furthermore, they imposed a new formula last year that makes losers of most EOWC members. The province has to stop this dead-beat and irresponsible behaviour."

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey pointed to ambulance services as an example. "The province committed to paying 50 per cent of the costs of running the service when it was downloaded to municipalities in 2001. In our county and others, however, the province has year by year retreated from this commitment. In our 2005 budget, the county paid 62 per cent of the costs. That means our property taxpayers are subsidizing the province to the tune of \$317,700."

Sweet added that under the new funding formula, a small number of EOWC mem-

bers are scheduled to get an increase in funding, but the majority will lose – to the tune of \$17 million a year in total by 2008.

"We are very hopeful that the federal government will step in to try to end this damage," Sweet said. "A proper fiscal balance between the federal and provincial governments is a key first step. The provincial government would then have to go back and fix the problem the original cuts created."

At the same time that funding for provincial programs is being cut, EOWC officials say, a bill before the legislature would force municipal governments to enrich pension benefits for police, fire and paramedic workers. The cost would amount to half-a-billion dollars a year across the province, according to AMO. "And for what," say Neil Cathcart, Peterborough County Warden and Vice-Chair of EOWC. "Our citizens would get absolutely no improvement in their services as a result. We didn't ask for these new benefits and our taxpayers should not be forced to swallow the costs."

Sweet and other EOWC members met recently with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Gerretsen, and MPP Lou Rinaldi in Kingston to discuss the issues.

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The morning sessions will cover topics such as woodlot management and forest health, what's new in syrup equipment and technology, food safety tips and marketing your syrup products. After a hot lunch of pancakes, sausages and of course local maple syrup, participants will be taken on an afternoon field trip to a local 1,200-tap family sugarbush operation near Dorset. Participants will have an opportunity to view a tap line and sugar shack layout, discuss forest health concerns and receive tips on setting up for the syrup season.

Pre-registration for this workshop is required, with a cost of \$20 per person which includes lunch, take home materials and the field trip.

The event is sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council in partnership with the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Registration and coffee begins at 8:30 a.m. with the workshop starting at 9 a.m. sharp and ending at 3:30 p.m.. As this workshop has sold out five years in a row, register early. Contact Nicole Tuyten at (705) 286-5206 or e-mail Nicole.tuyten@mnr.gov.on.ca.



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A coniferous swamp is a lush, green beauty.

Wetlands celebration

Today, all over the world, people take time to reflect on the importance of wetlands

Story, photos by Paul Heaven

February 2 is international wetlands day, celebrating the world's commitment to wetlands, enacted through the Ramsar Convention. The convention came into effect in Canada on May 15, 1981. By this we agreed to "the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local, regional and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world".

Canada has listed 37 wetlands sites of international importance with the Ramsar commission, agreeing to maintain the ecological character of 13 million hectares of wetlands — none of which is in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton County Strategic Plan (2003) states that the environment lies at the basis of what is essential for a high quality of life and for the success of many of our economic activities. Statements such as this are often made, but what do they really mean? In recognition of international wetland day it is

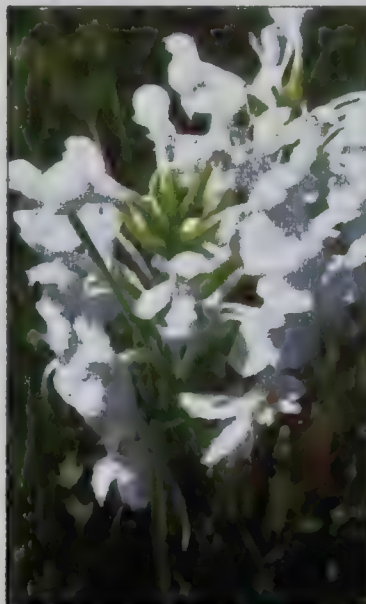
pertinent to explore the importance of wetlands relative to these values.

For example, water levels are always an issue in the County of Haliburton and one of the primary functions of wetlands is flood attenuation. With a dominance of sphagnum moss and sedges, wet-

lands have the ability to soak up large volumes of water and slowly release these waters throughout the drier seasons. Without this function, in order to avoid flooding, more water would need to be released during the spring runoff, resulting in lower water levels during the summer months. The natural beauty of the lake, fish habitat, as well as recreational activities such as swimming, boating and fishing would all be compromised by lower water levels.

Isolated wetlands allow surface water to filter down through the soils and into the groundwater. It is important to link that cool glass of clean water from the tap to the wetland in the back. Filling in a wetland can reduce the accessible groundwater whereas protecting a wetland can ensure a continuous supply of clean drinking water.

Many other wetlands represent an area of groundwater discharge allowing clean, cool water to percolate to the surface and enter our



White-fringed orchid.

see WETLANDS page 22

Wetlands are restaurants for moose, fowl and fish

from page 21

lake system. Such seeps add to the water quality of our lakes and help maintain water temperatures that are essential to such species as brook trout, lake trout and whitefish.

Wetlands also represent a transition zone between aquatic habitats and terrestrial habitats and are utilized by species from both. Wetlands provide feeding areas for moose, nesting areas for waterfowl and refuge areas for young fish. Coniferous swamps offer deer excellent protection from deep snow and plummeting temperatures in the heart of winter. Teeming with insects, wetlands supply a significant component of biomass at the base of the food chain. The poor nutrients found in bogs and fens provide opportunities for some of our more unique species such as the white-fringed orchid or the carnivorous plants, like sundews and pitcher plants.

With this incredible biodiversity come numerous recreational opportunities that are essential to tourism; a significant component of the county's economic base. Hiking, canoeing, fishing, birdwatching and hunting are recreational opportunities that make Haliburton County attractive.

Unlike southern Ontario, the County of Haliburton still has much of its original wetlands area. However, as the population continues to grow, developmental pressure on wetlands increase.



Paul Heaven

Wetlands contribute to flood control, water quality, wildlife habitat and recreational activities; all of which are essential to our high quality of life and economic activities. So let's celebrate our wetlands and see if perhaps we are home to wetlands deserving of the Ramsar List.

Paul C. Heaven is a wetlands specialist who volunteers with Environment Haliburton.

Take your sweetie to a poker rally

Valentine's snowmobile run provides money for kidney dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset



DORSET NEWS

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Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset are just about ready for the annual poker rally and St. Valentine's dance on Saturday, February 11. You can help out by wishing your hardest for a good snowfall between now and then. Proceeds of this great event go to aid kidney dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset.

There are more than \$10,000 in prizes with the first prize being \$2,000. Pre-registration takes place Friday, February 10 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and registration is Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. Fifty dollars' worth of pledges gives you a free ride and the top five pledges wins a cash prize. All events start and finish at Lions Camp Dorset, Kawagama Lake Road, Dorset.

The cost is \$30 per hand (19+) which includes a continental breakfast on Saturday at 9 a.m., dinner at 6 p.m. with prizes to follow. There will also be a snack bar and refreshments. For camp accommodations, contact Kay at lcdorset@vianet.on.ca For any other information, contact Barb at 766-2108 or Donna at 766-9253 or check out the website at www.tallpines.org.

The Dorset Snowball winter carnival family skating party takes place on Friday, February 17 starting at 6 p.m. Join the fun at the Dorset Ice Palace. There's music, hot dogs and hot chocolate. All are welcome to join the fun and don't forget your \$3 Snowball button available at local businesses and the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Snowball fun continues Friday night (Feb. 17) with the adult broomball Tournament. The tourney consists of 15-minute games starting at 8 p.m. Call the recreation centre at 766-9968 to register your team. Three teams have already registered and all are from outside Dorset. Come on Dorset - let's keep the trophy where it belongs.

The cost is \$10 per team in advance or

\$20 on the day. Fifty per cent of the fees will go to the winning team, 25 per cent to second place and 25 per cent will go to support Snowball. Teams must consist of at least six people with a "one-girl minimum." Broomball sticks and balls are provided and equipment is optional. The rules are simple and the game is fun - give it a shot.

There will be a Community Policing meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Dorset Lions Club invites Dorset residents aged 50 and over to attend the annual Seniors' Supper Night on Wednesday, February 22 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Lions Camp Dorset on Kawagama Lake Road. Join the Lions for an evening of entertainment, a complimentary dinner and a special guest speaker. Reservations are required so please call Esther at 766-2830.

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Birthday wishes for the week of January 22 to February 4 go out to Madison Allore, Bill Ellerington, Jr., Joy Moon and Darryl Dukoff, Nathan Jones, Yvon Chatelain, Kassie Wright, Mitchell Webb, Marg Moeller, Mark Kearhey and Ryan Flynn. Happy anniversary to Marian and Bruce Friday. Celebrate and have fun on your special day.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



NOTICE

TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL POSITION

At the January 26th, 2006 Council Meeting, the position of Councillor for Ward 1, Township of Minden Hills, was declared vacant. The Township is seeking to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of Council. To qualify for the position, applicants must be eligible under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Letters of application should include qualifications to assist Council in making their decision. Applications may be forwarded to the attention of Clerk, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 or e-mailed to cmccarroll@county.haliburton.on.ca until noon, February 15th, 2006.

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Maple syrup and springtime is in the air

Tom Dawson will be the guest speaker at next genealogy group meeting



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Tom Dawson of Wintergreen maple syrup barn will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group on Wednesday, February 8 in the common room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Tom's topic, maple syrup production, is another reminder that spring cannot be too far off. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the speaker at 7 p.m. For more details give Gail Leach-Wunker a call at 286-2225. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

Once again my radio source surprises with his trivia. Ladies, did you know that the average number of new clothing items never worn and still hanging in our closets numbers 14? Shoes are the single largest category and dieters seeking motivation through new wardrobe choices rank high on the list of purchasers.

While recently researching early quilts it became clear to me that our pioneer families vigorously recycled. Cloth was at a premium. When clothing could no longer be worn by any member of the household it would be made into bedcovers, mats or used to provide protection against cold cabin drafts. With thread so scarce quiltmakers in the American colonies began to use the small running stitches so familiar to us today rather than the backstitch which required double the amount. Once again necessity proved to be the mother of invention with those tiny stitches eventually becoming the measure of the sewer's skill.

Plan to visit the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre, which will open again this Saturday, February 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. after its January closure. With minor renovations designed to improve display and storage areas now completed the Marketplace will continue open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through to Victoria Day weekend when hours will be expanded. There is a great variety of local handcrafts and graphic arts for your selection.

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Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

January 24 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: For the ladies Pearl Cowen was high and Isabelle Saunders low while Kevin Maloney led for the gents with Rick McElwain recording the low. Our reporter Audrey Vick was double lucky winning both for lone hands and the draw.

January 24 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Topping the charts was Georgina Parkes at 345 then Lorne Dinesen 335 and Tom Grix 309. Single moonshots went to Margaret Fletcher and Tom Grix with Don Burch taking two. Maria Tschida, Pat Scadden, Pearl Cowen and Edith Burch held the hidden scores.

January 24 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams over the afternoon, two by Chuck Wilson partnered with Dorothy Strype and then with Dave



Tom Dawson (seen here with a few of the products at Wintergreen maple syrup barn) will be the guest of honour at the next Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting.

Heaven. Chuck led the scoring at 6440 followed by Len McNeice 5240, Dorothy Strype 5100 and Ray Moore 4780. Mary McNeice won the lucky draw, Joan Davies the Shiny Penny and Chuck took home the T.H.T Award a.k.a the Tory Hill Trophy.

January 25 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Jacqueline Metcalf and Joan Galley tied with Kelly Metcalf and Bob Morrow for first place at 57% with Harold Cox and Chuck Wilson third at 54%.

January 25 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: Ladies high/low honours went to Marcy Morgan and Mildred St. Thomas while Harold Harvie took high man and our reporter Theresa Deak low man. Harold also won for lone hands and Mildred for the draw prize.

January 26 euchre at the Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Margaret Fletcher and Bob Cleverly with Shirley Kuni and Kevin Maloney recording the evening's high scores. Verna McDonald and John Mallon filled the second high slots with Elva Paisley [2], Maria Tschida, Verna McDonald and Colleen Davison the other winners.

January 27 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In North/South Bill Sandford and Don Mills were first at 63% then Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf with 52%. Over in East/West it was Joan McDonald partnered with Freda Norman tops at 62% then Mayme Douglas and Muriel McIntosh second at 59%.

January 27 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshots landed on Chris Clarke [2], Peter Farr, Dick Coffey, Jean Dutka,

Marion Farr and Helen Windsor while Tom McCartney uncovered the hidden score. Colleen Davison was first for the pinks at 311 then Marnie Butler 275 and Mary Pearson 256. Leading the white cards was Chris Clarke at 346 followed by Peter Farr 322 and Rob Evans 281.

January 28 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Taking the moonshots were Theresa Deak, Don Burch [2], Elli Langpohl, Isobel Cherwenka, Marcel Roussel and Georgina Parkes. Kevin Maloney was high for the white cards at 241 with Georgina Parkes 222 second then Margaret Fletcher 217 third. Edith Burch led the pinks at 278 with Pearl Cowen next at 231 and Elli Langpohl 212 third. Draw winners were Maria Tschida, Theresa Deak and Helen Luffman.

January 30 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Luverne Stewart won for high hands, Martha Harding for lone hands, Janice Simpson for low hands and Maria Tschida for the special prize. A very special welcome is extended to our newcomers Olive and Murray Daniels and Janice Simpson.

January 30 euchre at Club 35: It was our reporter Garth Windsor holding the most lone hands while Marnie Butler won the baloney. High scores were recorded by Mary Pearson and Percy Butler while Verna Sawyer and Barb Robitaille took the lows. Special prizes were awarded to Verna Sawyer and Linda Voycey.

January 30 cribbage at Minden Legion: Tom Grix was the scoring leader with Syd Adamson second and Lois Adamson third. Other prizes went to Verna McDonald, Edith Burch, Syd Adamson and Elva Paisley.

January 30 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Lorna Hicks and Margaret Fletcher while Mabel Deacon and Maria Tschida won the special draws. High scores for the afternoon went to Verna McDonald and Gwen Cox with Bill Mosley low.

January 30 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Mildred St. Thomas had the high score with Vic Ballik filling second high slot. Dana Briscoe won the draw with Mike St. Thomas and Vic Ballik taking the moonshots.

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Ann MacDonald's Grade 3 students (from left) Nicole Black, Cassidy Garbutt, Austyn Dick, Angus Olliffe and Tyler Martin help Jack Brezina cut dough, readying it for bak-

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Tunes and treats star at New Year's party

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SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Well hello to everyone. What a beautiful sunny morning it is. Hope everyone is keeping warm and cozy. We sure are here at Hyland Crest.

The month of January has kept us busy with lots of activity. The month started off with our men getting together for Men's Club. Connie and Janine made lasagna and all the trimmings and boy was it good. Thank you ladies for this scrumptious meal.

We brought the new year in with our annual New Year's party and what fun we had. Gord Kennedy was here to play all our favourite tunes and the kitchen provided us with plenty of delicious hors d'oeuvres and treats galore. Thanks to Bob, Ann and Shannon for your help at our party.

Happy hour this month has been fun as always with lots of entertainment. We always enjoy it when Kathleen Owens comes to play the piano and she didn't disappoint us this month. Thank you, Kathleen. Burt Bonnell was also here to play for us and we had a great time singing along to songs like *A Bicycle Built for Two*, and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*.

Sheila Corp has been coming faithfully this month for friendly visits, tea party, and prayer friends. Thank you so much Sheila for all you do.

Rev. Burgess is another friendly face we see every week. His visit every Sunday afternoon means so much to us and we are truly grateful.

Ice cream sundaes were back this month and do we ever love them. We could choose between caramel or strawberry toppings with sprinkles and a cherry on top. Yum!

Our movie this month featured *Don Messer's Jubilee* and was hosted by Hitch and Katrina. Everyone really enjoyed it, especially Jean McGue who was grinning from ear to ear.

Pub night is always so much fun and this month was no different. The Norland Hillbillies, Gord Kidd and the Hot Flashes did a fantastic job as always entertaining. Thank you to Ann, Sherry, Sue Sisson and Shannon Walker for helping out at pub nights. Our Craft Program sees Gertrude Obee, Blanche MacIntosh, Lilian Harrison, Betty Sawyer, Hazel Austen, Madge Morris, Reita Hughes, Joan Kernohan, and



A new lawn tractor for Minden Hospital

Minden Health Care Auxiliary President Marilyn Burrows (second from left) and Vice-President Winn Taylor (right) were pleased to see the new utility tractor that their group purchased for the Minden Hospital maintenance team. Showing off the new wheels are maintenance staff Jerry McKelvey (seated) and Chris Briggs (left). The new lawn tractor will cut grass in warmer months and plow snow and spread sand in the winter. "It's a beautiful machine," said McKelvey. "We're really appreciative to have it." The 18 horsepower Husqvarna multi-purpose utility tractor cost in excess of \$8,000. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Marvel Eager along with our faithful volunteer, Barb Scully working on Valentine's Day placemats. They are going to be truly beautiful and we thank you ladies for your hard work.

Our bingo jackpot winners this month were Hazel Austen, Emma Hewitt, Joan Kernohan, Lilian Harrison and Gertrude Obee. Congratulations ladies and a big thank you to Pearl, Maxine, and Sue for all your help. Pearl is always here every Wednesday to get the card games going as well.

Has anyone noticed our adorable snowman outside our front entrance? Thank you to Elaine Davison for this lovely donation and also for bringing Gypsy in to visit whenever you can.

Excitement is in the air as we start to get ready for our annual Valentine's formal dinner to be held February 17, everyone is trying to decide what to wear. We'll tell you all about it next month.

Get well wishes from all of us here at Hyland Crest go out to Bob Muirhead. Can't wait for you to be back with us again, Bob.

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Karl Barry and Mildred Gartshore. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family and friends at this time.

We would like to welcome Edith Moore and Thomas Fischer to our home. Also, to Phyllis Ackerblade who is here for a short stay. We hope you all enjoy it here with us.

Guess we've caught you up on all the news. Meet with you next month; in the meantime keep smiling – less wrinkles that way!

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A little more than 40 years ago, winters in Haliburton were a quiet time. The county hibernated and families focused on staying warm and fed until spring when cottagers and tourists returned.

Now in his 70s, Bob Bishop remembers as a child overhearing conversations between his parents about the desire to make Haliburton a year-round destination. This was often after returning from ski vacations in places such as Mount Tremblant. When Bob was 12 he remembers taking the train to the popular Quebec ski hill, for at the time there was no road. If you had extra money you could get a sleepover car and stay there.

Long before skiing ever came to Haliburton, his parents explored having trains come from Toronto with sleepover cars.

In the mid-1940s Clint Melville, a renowned Canadian skier, was hired by the Ministry of Tourism to explore potential ski areas in Ontario. Upon coming to Haliburton, Melville identified the present hill in Eagle Lake as an ideal location. Unfortunately, at the time the owner of the present site of Sir Sam's Ski Area was not interested in permitting the installation of a rope tow. Not dissuaded, some local business people including Bob Bishop's father, R.J. Bishop Sr., formed the Haliburton



Meet the staff of Sir Sam's Ski Area.

Highlands Ski Club and constructed an electric rope tow on a hill close to town. Seen as a temporary ski hill because it faced south, the hill introduced skiing to the Highlands. Abandoned in 1951, Haliburton County waited an additional 15 years before skiers could carve the county's hilly landscape.

In 1965 the Bishop family purchased Glenn Eagle Resort from Harold Proctor who had kept the former Sir Sam Hughes property, including several miles of shoreline and 1,800 acres, intact. When the Bishops transformed it into Sir Sam's Inn, it was the first resort in the County to be open

12 months of the year. Their lives were made even busier when they developed Sir Sam's Ski Area across the road. (They later sold the inn in 1979.)

Today Bob Bishop sits in his office, a television tuned into the weather channel as he answers the phone, re-directing calls and answering questions about ski conditions and accommodation in the area. At one point Bob gets up and goes to the window with a pair of binoculars. His eyes sweep over the hills like an emperor surveying his kingdom.

Sir Sam's Ski Area has seen incredible

growth since its creation 40 years ago. What started off in 1965 as a hill with a T-bar, three runs, two employees and an outhouse has grown to a business with 50 employees, 12 runs, a chalet and four chair lifts, including the original T-bar.

The ski industry has seen tremendous development since the Bishop family first opened the hill with grooming equipment, snowboarding, ski technology and snow-making capabilities.

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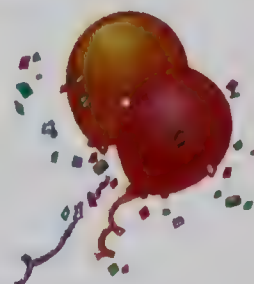
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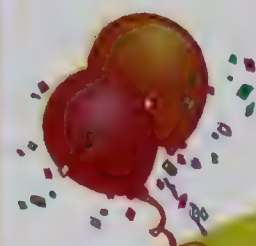


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It sure cost a lot less to go skiing back in the late 1960s, early 70s, when this photo was taken. Back then an adult lift ticket at Sir Sam's cost \$7; this season, it costs \$42. An adult season pass was \$125; now it's \$595. Prices aren't the only things that have changed: have you seen many people on the slopes with patches on their snowpants lately? Or smoking while buying a lift ticket? Photo courtesy of Sir Sam's Ski & Snow Board Area.

Sir Sam's Ski & Snow Board Area Coming Events

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Friday February 24th

Men's Day (free ski rentals). Ticket includes breakfast, a BBQ lunch, dinner, prizes and a whole lot of fun! Tickets are limited. \$100 per person.

Saturday February 25th

Global TV Fun Day. Come out and see all your favorite Global TV personalities on the hill.

Friday March 3rd

Ladies Day (free ski rentals). Who says the boys get all the fun? Tickets include breakfast, a BBQ lunch, dinner and prizes. Always a good time! Tickets are limited. \$100 per person.

Saturday March 4th

Final Race of Sir Sam's Ski Challenge. Grand prize will be awarded. You must ski the final race and at least three races in your series in order to qualify for the grand prize of \$1000 or any of the other great prizes.

March 10th to March 19th

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- **Jan. 31:** Introductions to Taoist Tai Chi – Gentle exercise for health. Minden: Hyland Crest. Mon., Jan. 30 - 7:00 a.m. Tues., Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m. Call Ginny at 489-2996.
- **Feb. 1:** "Work Like You Don't Need the Money" – the Reinvention of Work. Learn to find meaningful, satisfying and sustainable work through this 15-week program beginning Wed., Feb. 1 at the Gaia Centre in Haliburton.
- **Feb. 2, 9 & 16:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering Learning Begins workshop series for families with children 0-2 years in Haliburton. Babies have "best times" for learning. Join us to learn about how the brain works, find out when and what your baby is learning at each age, and find ways to give your child a best start in thinking and doing! Join us Thursday mornings starting February 2, 9, and 16 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989 by January 26, 2006. Ask us about child-care.
- **Feb. 4:** Dance! – Fundraiser for Kinmount Minor Hockey. Blues at the Hall! Featuring Johnny Mac and The Cobalt Blues Band. Join us for an evening of Hot Chicago swing style Blues and Hot Galway style Chili! Sat., Feb. 4, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Age of Majority Event. Cash at the door.
- **Feb. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Dollo's IGA.
- **Feb. 8:** The Regular Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held Wednesday, February 8th. Doors open at 6 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m. Note new location: the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - enter by the back door. The speaker will be Tom Dawson of Wintergreen speaking about maple syrup production. No charge - everyone welcome. For more info contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Feb. 9:** The public is invited to a very special meeting presented by CFUW Haliburton (the local Chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women. 7 p.m. at Fleming College. The topic is a vital one for all of us - "Planning for an Influenza Pandemic". Speaker is well known locally - Robin Anthony. She is Infection Control Practitioner for Haliburton Highlands. (Refreshments will be served.)
- **Feb. 11:** Tall Pines Snowmobile Club & Lions Camp Dorset - Poker Rally & St. Valentine's Dance. Sat., Feb. 11, 10 a.m. Over \$10,000 in prizes. Pre-registration: Fri. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Registration: Sat. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. OFSC Trail permits required. Adults only (19+) after 6 p.m. For more info call Barb (705) 766-2108, Donna (705) 766-9253. www.tallpines.org. Proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis, Lions Camp Dorset.
- **Feb. 11 & 12:** Gravenhurst Minor Hockey Association is hosting a Tyke Tournament. On Sat., Feb. 11, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There are twelve teams participating including three Gravenhurst home teams. Other teams participating are from Bracebridge, Orillia, Caledonia and the Highland Storm, Coldwater and Newmarket. For more info, contact GMHA media person Steve Barnes at 684-9673.
- **Feb. 13:** "Men's Coffee and Conversation" grief support group. Drop by for coffee and conversation from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd. Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- **Feb. 14:** The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1:30 p.m. General Meeting at Pritchard House Minden.
- **Feb. 14:** "CrossRoads" grief support group for the newly bereaved from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd., Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- **Feb. 26:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Campbell's Flowers & Gifts.
- **Feb. 27:** "Men's Coffee and Conversation" grief support group. Drop by for coffee and conversation from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd. Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- **Feb. 28:** "CrossRoads" grief support group for the newly bereaved from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd., Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.

- **Do you like to sing?** No experience necessary. Outloud Womyn's voices invites all women to join them every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Meetings held at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. For further information, call Beth at 754-9558.
- **Community Care** has a trip planned for May 24 to the World Premier performance of The Lord of the Rings. This trip includes transportation by highway coach, tickets in row D, E, & F in the dress circle section of the Princess of Wales Theatre, and a delicious dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. To travel with Community Care you must be a Trip Club Member, please call to find out more information about this trip club. Call 457-2941.
- **Wednesdays - Aquasize** classes have now begun. Community Care still has spots open for the Wednesday classes. Enjoy low impact exercises in the water. Classes are one hour in length and take place at the Wigamog Inn. Please call Ida for more information 457-2941.
- **Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba** in West Guilford. Started Jan. 10 - end of April. Families 6:30 - 8 p.m. (children and parents climb together). Youth and Adults 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop-in Indoor Rock Climbing. Everyone welcome! Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 years. For more information and cost please call Donna at Family Services of Haliburton County. 457-5345 ext. 314.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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STANHOPE LIFE

Pauline Johnson
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Menopausal ladies with their hot flashes have nothing on young men sweating while shoveling yet another load of snow off the driveway this winter. Monday was a snow day for students and I'm sure the kids were glad that the busses weren't running due to forecasts of freezing rain. As we drove home from shopping, we laughed as we passed a young man dressed in blue patterned flannelette bottoms, an orange muscle shirt (sleeveless) and, in the interest of keeping warm, a toque. It was relatively warm at 2 degrees above zero but his attire gave us pause. He was nearing the road so it looked like he had been out there for awhile. Haliburton's hardy pioneer stock proves itself again or was he aiming to get a cold so he wouldn't have to return to school on Tuesday? Who knows!

The Friends of the Frost Centre are pleased to announce the launch of their new web site - www.friendsofthefrostcentre.ca. They are currently preparing a proposal to re-open the Frost Centre in response to the government's recent call for proposals and are looking for schools, organizations, institutions, government departments and businesses that would like to book space at the Frost Centre. If interested, please complete the on-line survey, Potential Use Survey. Please spread the word.

The website also provides information on how you can help the Friends by becoming a member, donor partner or sponsor; by providing a letter of support or by attending an An Evening with David Suzuki on Thursday, February 9 in Toronto.

Help the Friends of the Frost Centre forge a future for this valued institution. Friends may be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 1002, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0; by



David Suzuki will be speaking in Toronto about the Frost Centre on February 9.

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Many folks are ecstatic to have a Tim Hortons in Minden and their coffee can become addictive for some. However, yet again this week I have seen Tim Hortons paper coffee cups by the side of the road. By all means enjoy their coffee but let others also enjoy an uncluttered environment. Please keep the cups in your vehicle until you can get home and place them in a recycling bin. Then everyone wins.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878.

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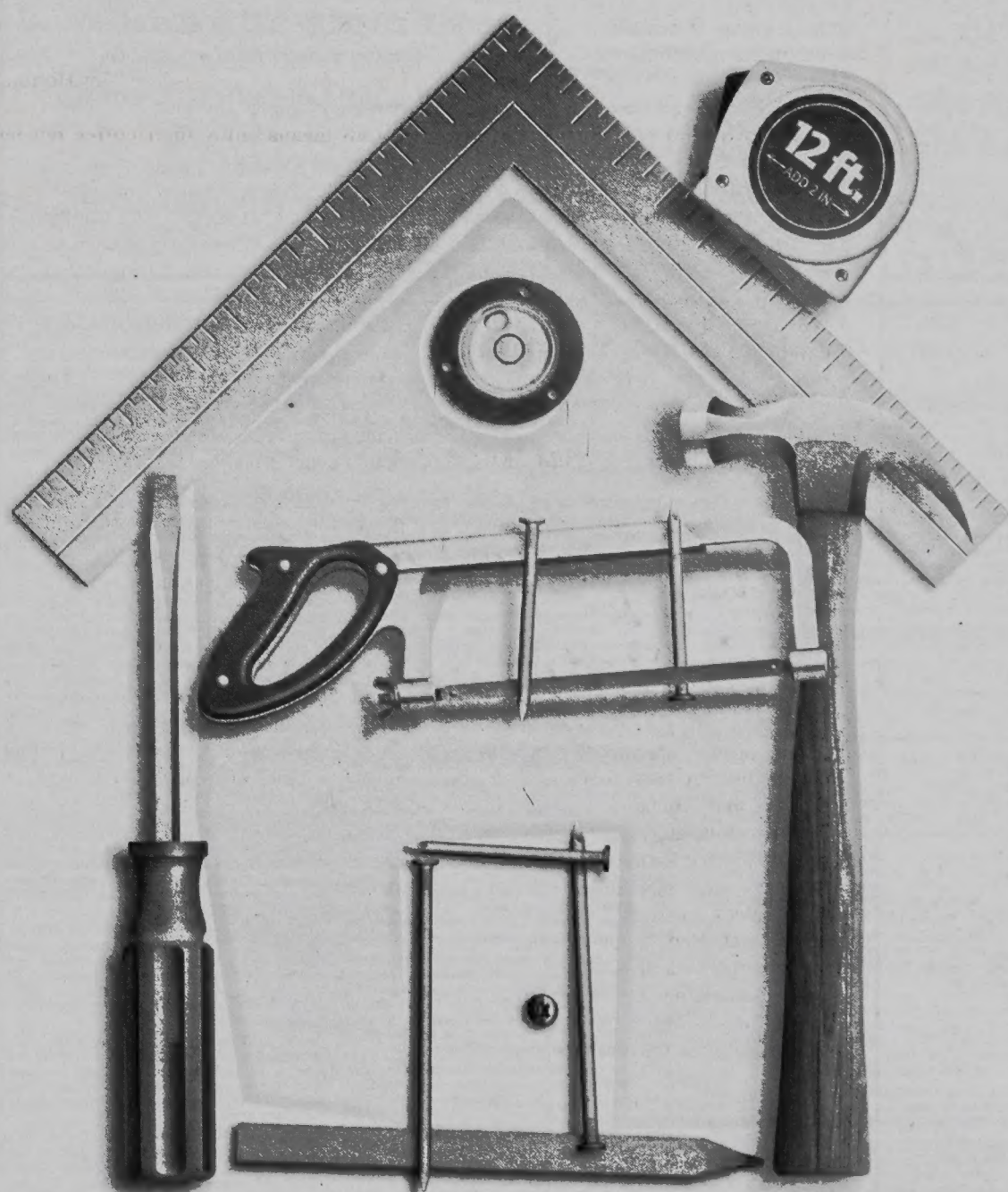
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 Family.**

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 A year has gone by without him.
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 unbearable.
 Grief consumes us. The loss is
 so great.
 We would like to say thank you
 to our family and friends for
 their constant support, to
 Denis's friends who have kept
 in touch and especially to
 Daryl's friends who have stuck
 by him and been there for him,
 this has meant so much to all of
 us.
 Our family will never be the
 same, we will never be the
 same people, we have lost too
 much.
 We still need you.
 We know that Denis is in a bet-
 ter place, he has found Peace.
 We loved him then, we love him
 now and we will love him forev-
 er.

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 He had a kindly word for each
 And died beloved by all.
 Some day we hope to meet
 him,
 Some day, we know not when,
 To clasp his hand in the better
 land.
 Never to part again.
 Sadly missed by **Grandma and
 Grandpa Grozelle.**

MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving
 memory of a mother-in-law and
 grandmother who passed away
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 When we speak your name
 But the ache in our hearts.
 Remains the same.
 Lovingly remembered by **Clara
 and Family.**

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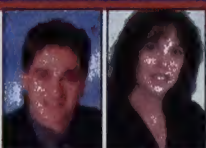
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HALIBURTON ACREAGE

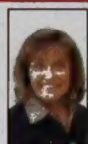
27.23 rolling acres with a mixture of trees and hardwood bush. Fronting on a year round road only 15 minutes from the town of Haliburton. Driveway in, hydro and telephone nearby.

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REDSTONE LAKE

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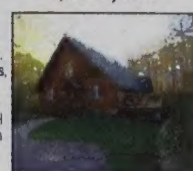
\$529,000



MISKWABI LAKE

Warm & inviting 13 yr old log country home with deeded access. Private with southern exposure, modern chef's kitchen & new SS appliances. 4 bdrm (2 w/suites), 3 baths, hardwood & ceramic floors, cathedral ceiling, loft & pine paneled full w/o bsmt. You will love the warmth of the logs in this charming year round vacation home with water access on Miskwabi Lake.

\$309,000



Bill Kulak*
286-2911
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LOG HOME - REID ROAD

Nestled on a nicely treed & very private 32 acres property. This custom-built round log home features an open concept design. Vaulted ceiling with a massive one-of-a-kind stone fireplace. 4 bdrms, office/den, 2 full baths + a detached 2 car garage & barn. Only a 10 min. drive from Minden. A must see!

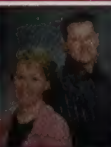
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W/F HOME - GULL RIVER

Picturesque setting on Gull River, only a short boat ride to Gull Lake. This modern, custom-built raised bungalow, built only 3 yrs ago, is value-priced for a quick sale! Open concept design, oak kitchen, laminate flooring, large deck, full bsmt, many extras. Call Bill Kulak today to view.

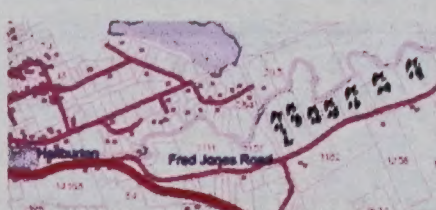
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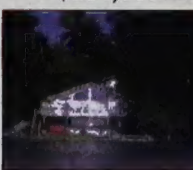
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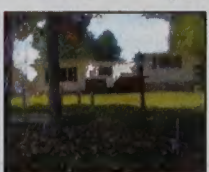


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MOORE LAKE

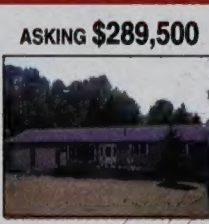
Charming country 4 season waterfront cottage/home. Wood walls, cathedral ceiling, well designed kitchen. Sunken living room w/wood stove & w/o to deck, full basement, single car garage & workshop, 3-lake chain, sand shoreline, cedar dock & easy access to snowmobile trails. Why wish & wait? Call Karen today to view.

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MINDEN RURAL
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SOUTH LAKE
This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disik.

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BOSKUNG LAKE
Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.

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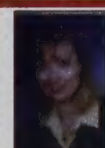
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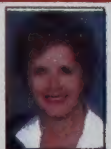
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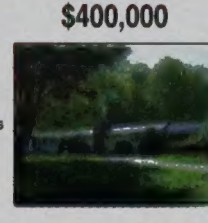
Linda Beachli***
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LEGAL DUPLEX
This property offers 3 bdrms in the upper suite & 1 bdrm with a w/o in the lower suite. All on a park-like setting with a pond on the property, trail system at the back of the property, on a quiet cul-de-sac near the school & hospital.



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INVESTMENT
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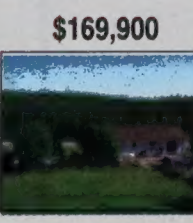


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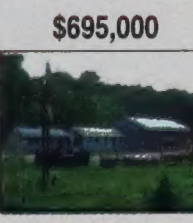
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Two single bdrm apartments on the second floor, lots of space on the main floor and room to finish a basement apartment. Over 1 acre of land. Separate 2 car garage.



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